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Britannia East Grand 450-660 East Grand Avenue South San Francisco, California

Groundwater Investigation and Proposed Corrective Action Completion Available for Public Review

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is requesting public comment on the facility groundwater investigation and the determination that groundwater corrective action is complete at the Britannia East Grand property (Site), located in South San Francisco. The facility groundwater investigation results are summarized in the Phase III RCRA Facility Investigation Report (Phase III RFI Report) and the Pore Water Report, which demonstrate that no significant groundwater contamination exists at the Site based on protective ecological levels. Based on these reports, DTSC seeks public comment on the proposal to take no further corrective action for groundwater at the Site. This fact sheet provides information concerning the public comment period, Site background and investigation, and information repositories.

Site Background

The Site is located on the shores of San Francisco Bay in South San Francisco, California, at 450-660 East Grand Avenue, approximately one mile east of Highway 101. The land uses for this area include heavy industrial, commercial, and manufacturing. There are no permanent residential land uses except for live-aboards in the local marinas. Although all manufacturing activities have ceased, the Site was historically used for manufacturing ceramic products, white lead, plate glass, pigments, and various paint products. Currently, the Site is under development by Slough SSF, LLC for use as biotechnology and laboratory space.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

We encourage you to review the Phase III RFI and Pore Water Report, and to comment on the proposal to take no further corrective action for groundwater contamination for the Britannia East Grand Site in South San Francisco. DTSC will hold a 45-day public comment period beginning June 5, 2007 and ending July 20, 2007.

Written comments must be postmarked by July 20, 2007 or emailed no later than 5:00 pm on July 20, 2007 and sent to:

Mr. John Bystra, Project Manager
Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
JBystra@dtsc.ca.gov

For questions, please call John Bystra at (916) 255-3669

DTSC has not scheduled a public hearing on the proposed RFI approval and corrective action completion determination. However, interested parties may request a public hearing in writing. Public hearing requests must state the reasons for the public hearing and the issues or concerns that would be raised during the public hearing. Public hearing requests must be sent to John Bystra at the address above and be received by July 20, 2007.



Site Investigation

Environmental investigations and corrective action designed to address contamination from historical manufacturing have occurred at the Site since 1987, including the removal of contaminated soils. Following these actions, the United States Environmental Protection Agency granted a Determination of Corrective Action Complete with Controls in 2000. These controls included a prohibition against using groundwater from beneath the Site, and DTSC required that the property owner continue groundwater investigation and identify cleanup goals, if needed.

The facility groundwater investigation is summarized in the Phase III RFI Report. To evaluate if marine micro-organisms at the Site have been exposed to contamination in shallow groundwater, pore water samples were collected in a follow up investigation. Data presented in the Pore Water Report showed that marine micro-organisms at the Site have not been exposed to any significant contamination. These reports show that groundwater contamination is minimal and will pose no risk to human health and the environment. Therefore, DTSC proposes to take no further corrective action for groundwater contamination at the Site.

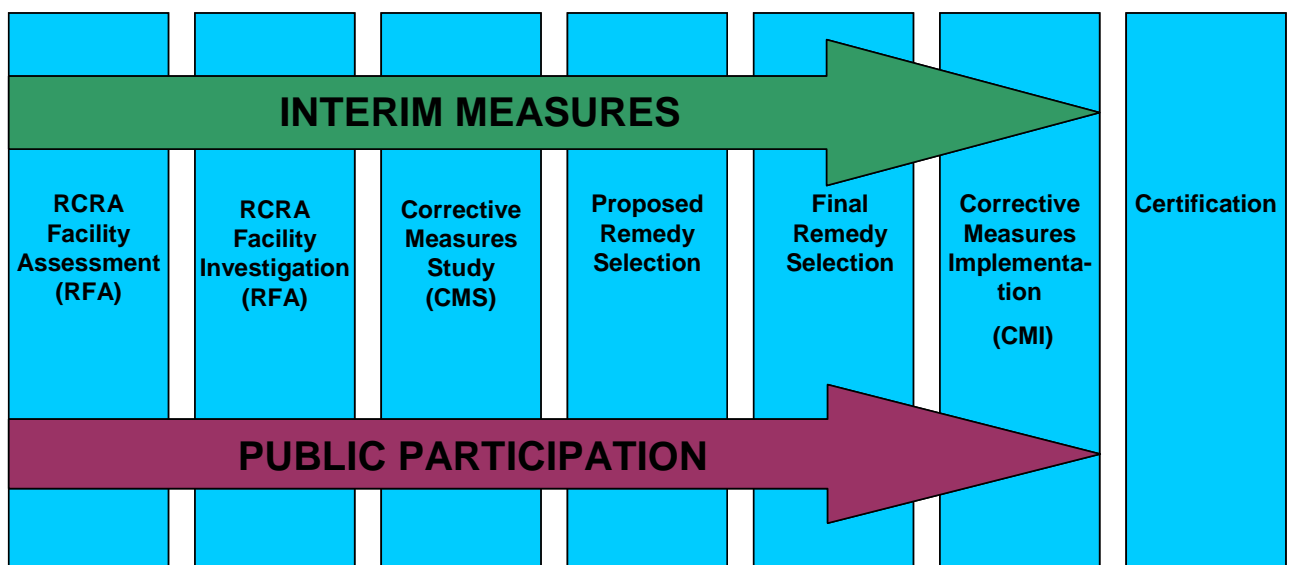
What Happens Now?

DTSC encourages the public to review the Phase III RFI Report (August 14, 2005) and the Pore Water Report (August 29, 2006), which are available for public review at the information repositories listed on page three of this fact sheet. DTSC also encourages the public to submit comments on the proposal to take no further corrective action at the Site for groundwater contamination. Following the 45-day public comment period, DTSC will evaluate all public comments received and issue responses to those who submitted comments prior to finalizing a decision to end corrective action for groundwater contamination at the Site.

Response to Comments

DTSC will produce a Response to Comments document and provide it to all who submitted comments during the public comment period prior to making a final determination decision. In addition, the Response to Comments document will be stored in the information repositories listed on page three of this fact sheet.

Corrective Action Process





For More Information

For more information about the RFI or the proposed groundwater corrective action completion determination at the Site, please contact Mr. John Bystra, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3669 or jbystra@dtsc.ca.gov

For questions regarding the public participation process, please contact Mr. Marcus Simpson, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-6683 or msimpson@dtsc.ca.gov

Media inquiries should be directed to Ms. Angela Blanchette, DTSC Public Information Officer at (510) 540-3732 or ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov

Information Repositories

Copies of the Phase III RFI and Pore Water Report and other Site-related documents (such as the Statement of Basis) are available for review at DTSC's website <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/Britannia.cfm> and at the following information repository:

Grand Avenue Branch Library
306 Walnut Avenue
South San Francisco, CA 94080
Contact: Pam Waldrep at (650) 877-8530

The full administrative record is available at:
Department of Toxic Substances Control
700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200
Berkeley, CA 94710-2721
(510) 540-3800
Please call for an appointment

Anuncio

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jacinto Soto, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es 510-540-3842.

Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can obtain information about Britannia East Grand by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378. Please ask to speak to Mr. Marcus Simpson at 916-255-6683.

**Would you like to be added to or removed from the
Britannia East Grand mailing list?**

If you would like to be added to or removed from the mailing list for the Britannia East Grand site, please fill out the information below and mail back to Mr. Marcus Simpson, Public Participation Specialist, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. You can also email your request to be added to or removed from the mailing list by sending a message to MSimpson@dtsc.ca.gov.

- ☐ Please remove my name from the mailing list
- ☐ Please add my name to the mailing list

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